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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING
JUNE 26 WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA.

2. BEGIN QUOTE Q. AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS CENSORSHIP IN INDIA,
AND INFORMATION IS HARD TO GET AT THIS POINT. DO YOU HAVE
ANY INFORMATION FROM YOUR SOURCES THAT WOULD ELABORATE WHAT
WE KNOW ALREADY ABOUT ARRESTS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. I HAVE ASKED
FOR IT, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON IT.

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Q. BOB, --

A. NOR DO I HAVE ANY COMMENT TO MAKE ON THE REPORTS OF
VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS.

Q. BOB, CAN I TRY AGAIN ON A SUBJECT THAT I GATHER YOU COVERED SLIGHTLY OR NOT AT ALL BEFORE I CAME IN? HAS THE UNITED STATES MADE ANY REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING CENSORSHIP IN INDIA?

A. NO, WE HAVE NOT.

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES PLANNING TO MAKE ANY?

A. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN INDIA WE ESSENTIALLY REGARD AS AN INTERNAL MATTER, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON IT.

Q. BOB, I ASKED YOU BEFORE ABOUT REPORTS AND I NEVER GOT A CHANCE --

A. EXCUSE ME?

Q. WHEN WE STARTED, I ASKED IF YOU HAD HEARD FROM YOUR OWN EMBASSY OR SOURCES WHAT MIGHT BE GOING ON. YOU SAID, I BELIEVE, THAT YOU HAVEN'T.

A. I HAVEN'T BEEN BRIEFED ON ANY REPORTING OR ASSESSMENT FROM OUR EMBASSY TODAY.

Q. OH, I'M SORRY. SURELY YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING THEY ARE HAVING ANY PROBLEMS REPORTING OUT OF THE COUNTRY, ARE YOU?

A. NO, I'M NOT. I'M JUST SAYING THAT I --

Q. YOU PERSONALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN TELLING THE STATE DEPARTMENT?

A. I HAVE NOT BEEN BRIEFED TODAY ON WHAT OUR EMBASSY IN DELHI MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE REPORTED.

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Q. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT, YOU KNOW, MAY BE OUR ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION AT THE MOMENT, CAN WE ASK IF YOU POST WHATEVER YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ADD TO THE GENERAL --

Q. WELL, THE FACT THAT I --

A. EVEN THOUGH IT'S AN INTERNAL MATTER, IT SEEMS TO HAVE SOME NATIONAL INTEREST HERE.

A. WE'RE SORT OF, I WOULD THINK, CIRCUMSCRIBED IN THE EXTENT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU BY THE FACT THAT WE DO REGARD IT AS AN INTERNAL MATTER WHICH WE

DO NOT INTEND TO COMMENT ON. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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